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Attention: Samuel J. Walk – Examiner

Subject: Application No. 09/784,400
Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the "Office Action Summary" for this Application mailed on 01/26/2005. This letter and attachment are in response to that Office Action and are submitted within the 3 month period allowed for response.

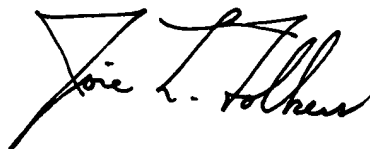
Actions 1 and 2 under the Detailed Action describe the reasons for rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 16 under 35 USC S 112. The attached redraft of the Claims on the Patent Application are submitted for consideration and are written in response to the cited causes for rejection.

Actions 3 through 6 identify reasons for rejection of the Claims other than 4, 11 and 13 under 35 USC S 102. I do not feel the cited references reveal prior art to this Application as submitted.

Further to the references cited in these Actions, I submit that the concept presented has precedence over the Admasu references, based on Application No. 60/180,405.

Therefore applicant submits that all Claims are allowable over cited references and solicits reconsideration and allowance. It is also submitted that patentable subject matter is clearly present. If the Examiner agrees but does not feel that the present Claims are technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joie L. Folkers", written over a horizontal line.

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